and servitudes of all degrees , what discipline and preparation
for wars , what inventions for increase of traffic at home, for
multiplying their commodities, encouraging arts or manu-
factures of worth of any kind also what good establishments to
prevent the necessities and discontents of the people, to cut off
suits at law and quarrels, to suppress thieves and all disorders
In the last letter noteth other matters worthy of observation,
concluding that if they be too many to remember then should
he rather trust his notebook than his memory

i$th September A PETITION AGAINST PLAYS

Since the commission of the provost marshal was revoked
the masterless and vagabond persons that had retired out of his
precinct are returning to their old haunt and frequent the plays
at the Theatre and Bankside Wherefore the Lord Mayor
petitioneth the Council for the suppressing of stage plays,
declaring that they contain nothing but profane fables, lascivious
matters, cozening devices, and other unseemly and scurrilous
behaviours which are so set forth that they move wholly to
imitation Moreover he verily thinketh them to be the chief
cause of the late stir and mutinous attempt of those few
apprentices and other servants, who no doubt drew their
infection from these and like places, and also of many other
disorders and lewd demeanours which appear of late in young
people of all degrees

September ABUSES IN THE CITY

Mr Richard Carmarden that was lately appointed to be
Surveyor of the port of London seeketh to reform the abuses
caused through the blindness and impotency of the late sur-
veyor Whereupon the better sort of the merchants yield, but
some four or five most frowardly resist <u>him</u>

When by his command some packs belonging to one Leveson were stayed, this man on Wednesday last, with wild words despising the Queen's authority, beat Mr Carmarden's substitutes and arrested one of them in an action of £200 The sheriffs' sergeants earned Leveson violently to prison, and the Clerks of the Court refused bail, Leveson saying that the Queen's letters patents, the order of the Exchequer and the Lord Treasurer's letters were all without the law